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SUBJECT: SOVIET URANIUM SUPPLIES FOR FRG DISCUSSED AT

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1. THE ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS OF THE USSR TO SATISFY THE FRG'S NEEDS OF ENRICHED URANIUM WAS SUGGESTED AT THE OPENING OF AN EXHIBITION OF QUOTE RARE METALS, METALS FROM RARE EARTHS AND ISOTOPES FROM THE SOVIET UNION UNQUOTE IN DUESSELDORF ON APRIL 30 (SEE REFTEL). ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE PROSPECTS OF SOVIET ENRICHED URANIUM SHIPMENTS WERE DISCUSSED BY, AMONG OTHERS, MR. GRIGORIYAN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOVIET TRADE OFFICE IN THE FRG, MR. ANDREYEV, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION QUOTE V/O TECHS-NABEXPORT UNQUOTE AND MR. ALFRED HEMPEL OWNER/MANAGER OF A DUESSELDORF FIRM WHICH HANDLES FRG IMPORTS OF SOVIET URANIUM. HEMPEL, WHO DESCRIBED THE SOVIETS AS QUOTE ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE TRADE PARTNERS UNQUOTE, EXPECTS THE VOLUME OF HIS BUSINESS WITH THE USSR TO GROWN FROM DM 140 MILLION IN 1974 TO DM 500 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

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2. COMMENT:

THE EXHIBITON HAS RECEIVED ONLY MARGINAL MEDIA COVER-
AGE TO DATE, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE VERY LIMITED PRODUCT
SCOPE AND HIGHLY TECHNICAL NATURE OF THIS EVENT WHICH
RESTRICT PUBLIC INTEREST. HOWEVER, MR. HEMPEL'S EMPHASIS
ON THE RELIABILITY OF SOVIET URANIUM SUPPLIES IS
LIKELY TO IMPRESS THOSE BUSINESSMEN INVOLVED IN WEST GERMAN
URANIUM PURCHASES, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT
IRRITATION HERE OVER DELAYED RULINGS BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION ON APPLICATIONS FOR URANIUM EXPORT
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